SUBJECT No. 533.

Vrishabhavati project and other tanks.

Mr. Mudvira Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This taluk has very few tanks and is backward in wet and garden cultivation. The Vrishabhavati project which was proposed eight years back and for which estimates were made and mutchalikas from raiyats obtained, has not been put in hand as yet, for want of money. Provision may be made at least in the current year's budget and this work, which will be the first large tank in this taluk and will be useful to the neighbouring taluk of Kankanhalli may be caused to be taken up early. Other tanks may also be profitably constructed in this taluk.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration in the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 534.

Constitution of Closepet into a taluk.

Messrs. Mudvira Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk, and Kare Avalaiya Subbaiya Setti, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Closepet Sub-Taluk is interspersed with jungles making intercommunication difficult. On account of its being a sub-taluk, the Irasal (remittance) has to be carried to Channapatna, where if the treasury is closed, the men who take the Irasal have to undergo a lot of difficulty. The large traders in silk of this taluk have to go to Channapatna for a currency note for Rs. 100. When the people of this taluk prayed to His late Highness Sri Chamarajendra Wodayar to restore this place to the status of a taluk, he promised to consider the question. This sub-taluk may therefore be kindly constituted into a taluk and the people saved from worry and trouble.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 535.

Pumping Machine for the Closepet Town Water-supply.

Mr. Kare Avalaiya Subbaiya Setti, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Norea pump which is being used for supplying water to Closepet Town is not in working order. Last year the Government replied that, if the Municipality were to provide funds for the necessary expenses, the matter would be considered. Accordingly the taxes of the town were proposed to be revised and a meeting was held in which the people consented to pay water tax if the water-supply was improved. By this an increase in the Municipal collections to the extent of about Rs. 1,000 was expected. As the Municipality have not sufficient funds for the purchase of an engine, the Government may kindly supply them early with the same at Government cost.

Reply of Government.—The working expenses for pumping will come to about Rs. 5,000 per year. The matter will however be further enquired into.

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SUBJECT No. 536.

Sluices to the supply channel of the Somambudhi Amani tank.

Messrs. Chikramanna and Suryanarayanappa, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Somambudhi Amani tank which had breached owing to the heavy rains, has now been restored. Although repeated prayers were made to